YEARLY MEETING, 1797.

A REPORT from the GENERAL MEETING of ACKWORTH SCHOOL, was brought in and read, to which this Meeting agrees, and recommends a very liberal contribution for the ſupport of that Inſtitution, which appears to be at preſent peculiarly in need thereof; the Quarterly Meetings are therefore requeſted to cauſe it to be made forthwith, and remitted to WILSON BIRKBECK, *the Treaſurer in London, before the cloſe of the preſent Year.*

The Quarterly Meetings are alſo deſired, if convenient, to ſend Repreſentatives to the next General Meeting for Ackworth School, to be held there on the laſt fourth day in the Seventh month, being the 26th of the ſame.

To the YEARLY MEETING, 1797.

FROM the great advance that in the two laſt years took place in ſeveral articles of proviſion, and other cauſes, as mentioned in the printed report of laſt year, the Inſtitution has expended nearly 2000l. more than its income; and, notwithſtanding the apparently large balance of capital in favour of the Inſtitution, as ſtated in the account of the preſent year, is likely to be involved in very ſerious difficulties, without the vigorous exertions of Friends in the ſeveral Quarterly Meetings; moſt of which, notwithſtanding the advice of the Yearly Meeting, have been very far from coming properly forward in their ſupport, to a School which is ſo evidently a benefit to ſociety.

It has been, probably, ſome obſtacle to the generoſity of individuals, to obſerve the large amount of the balance abovementioned; but it muſt be remembered, that this is in a great degree made up of the prices which the buildings, lands, and ſubſequent improvements have coſt, and that the net annual produce of the whole is but about 220l.* The ſums received with children, is about 2500l. per annum, making together about 2720l. The remainder of the income, ſo as to make it ſufficient to anſwer the expenditure, which, in common years, is about 4000l. although no intereſt be paid to the American fund, and for the two laſt years has been upwards of 5000l. is to be obtained from the uncertain ſupply of donations, legacies, and the annual collection.

Now, it has been propoſed, as an expedient, to increaſe the income, to raiſe the price of the admiſſion of children to ten guineas each, which would produce on three hundred 630l. per annum; but it is thought that this would occaſion ſo heavy a burthen on ſuch as are leaſt able to bear it, as to make it expedient to wave it at leaſt for one year, until other expedients ſhall be tried.

It is therefore hoped, that the Quarterly Meetings in general will exert themſelves in future in their annual collections, with a degree of vigour beyond that which they ſeem hitherto to have uſed; and it is propoſed to agents, when they recommend the children of thoſe parents, who though not in affluence, cannot, from their circumſtances, claim to receive a benefit for eight guineas, which has of late coſt the School nearly double that ſum to beſtow, to put the parents upon ſupplying, through the channel of the Monthly Meeting collections, a ſum equal to what their circumſtances will allow them to afford, above the uſual price of eight guineas.

And it is further concluded to be now expedient, ſeeing all perſons are at liberty when they bequeath money to this ſchool, to direct the application thereof as they are pleaſed, not to bind the Inſtitution to the inveſtment of any donation or any legacy, where the deceaſe of the teſtator ſhall fall out after the cloſe of the current year, unleſs ſpecially directed. Nevertheleſs, it is ſtill apprehended, that if the means here propoſed fail to afford the neceſſary ſupport, there will ſtill be a neceſſity of raiſing the price for the admiſſion of children.

Signed in and on behalf of the General Meeting, the 29th of the Fifth month, 1797.

JOSEPH GURNEY.

* Viz. Rent of Land..... £365 19
The two ſums of 50l. per ann. ſee report } 100 0
£465 19

Intereſts to Annuitants..... £245 0
Balance..... 220 19
£465 19

ACKWORTH SCHOOL.

A STATEMENT of the Accounts of this INSTITUTION, the 31ſt of the 12th Month, 1796.

The Income and Expenditure this Year have been as under.

INCOME.	£.	s.	d.
Donations and Legacies not to be inveſted	60	11	3
Annual Subſcriptions	1115	5	0
Childrens account for time expired	2509	9	0
Ditto, over-time, 202 weeks, at 5s. per week	50	10	0
Intereſt of 4 per Cent. Annuities	10	0	0
Ditto of John Fothergill's Bequeſt	50	0	0
Ditto of Abraham Gray's Legacy for Salaries	50	0	10
Ditto, received with two Legacies	17	3	0
Rent of the Land occupied by the Inſtitution	314	0	0
Ditto of the Inn and Land let	51	19	0
Conſolidated 4 per Cent. Annuities, gained by the Sale of £2000.	231	12	6
Expended more than the Income	965	18	5½
	5426	9	0½

EXPENDITURE.	£.	s.	d.
Houſe and Farm Expenſes, Proviſions, Coals, Servants Wages, &c.	2963	13	3½
Ditto, 9 Buſhels of Wheat, diſtrained for what is called Church Rate	3	18	0
Clothing of Children	1056	12	8
Board and Salaries of Officers	597	5	5
Repairs	172	19	11
Conveyance of Children at 2d. per Mile, exceeding 50 Miles	107	15	9
Stationary	86	1	11
Furniture, Bedding, &c. for Wear and Tear	87	1	3
Apothecary; Salary, Drugs, &c.	65	6	4
Intereſt to Annuitants	245	0	0
Contingencies, including Poſtage, &c.	40	14	6
	5426	9	0½

BRITISH MUSEUM

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	£.	s.	d.
Balance of Stock 1ſt of Firſt month, 1796,	12714	16	11¼
Legacies and Donations received this year to be inveſted	750	0	0
	13464	16	11¼
Expended more than the Income, as above	965	18	5½
Balance in favour of the Inſtitution, 1ſt of Firſt month, 1797, as per the following Inventory, being 215l. 18s. 5½d. leſs than the balance of laſt year	12498	18	6¼

An INVENTORY of the ESTATE and EFFECTS belonging to this INSTITUTION, and of DEBTS owing by it, the 1ſt of Firſt month, 1797.

BELONGING TO THE INSTITUTION.	£.	s.	d.
The Eſtates at Ackworth	13454	15	1
Rent due on the Inn and Land,	37	0	6
Furniture, Bedding, &c.	1751	10	7½
Proviſions, Farming Stock, &c.	1814	1	6
Clothing for Children	367	7	7
Stationary	190	7	7
Sundries due for Children's travelling Expenſes	12	8	6
Drugs, &c.	56	4	10
Materials for Repairs	37	10	8
Improvements	138	2	0
John Fothergill's Bequeſt of 50l. ℔ Ann. valued at	1000	0	0
Abraham Gray's Legacy inveſted in 3 ℔ Cents.	1000	0	
Children's account due thereon	18	12	0
Dividends due	50	0	5
Wilſon Birkbeck, Treaſurer	619	1	9
Jonathan Binns, Superintendent	29	8	4
	20576	11	4½

OWING BY THE INSTITUTION.	£.	s.	d.
Annuities at 5 per Cent. on the Lives of Subſcribers and Nominees	4900	0	0
American Fund, for which no Intereſt is paid	1879	16	10¼
Children's Account	1297	16	0
Balance in favour of the Inſtitution, the 1ſt of the Firſt month, 1797	12498	18	6¼
	20576	11	4½

Legacies and Donations, from the 1st of the First month to the 31st of the Twelfth month, 1796.

To be invested.

	£.	s.	d.
Ann Goldney's Legacy	100	0	0
Mary Groth's ditto	150	0	0
Samuel Hoare's ditto	500	0	0
	750	0	0

Not to be invested.

	£.	s.	d.
Anonymous, per George Fox	20	0	0
B. Bell's Legacy, 50*l.* 3 per Cents.	30	11	3
Thomas Crowther's 4th Payment	10	0	0
	60	11	3

Annual Subscriptions from the 1st of the First month to the 31st of the Twelfth month, 1796.

			£.	s.	d.
Bedford and Herts Quarterly Meeting	16	6	0		
Ditto additional to 1795	2	12	6		
			18	18	6
Briſtol & Somerſetſhire Qly Meeting			19	8	6
Berkſhire and Oxfordſhire ditto 1795			2	17	0
Buckinghamſhire - - ditto			19	18	0
Cambridge and Huntingdon ditto			15	19	0
Cheſhire and Staffordſhire ditto			14	6	0
Cumberland & Northumberland ditto			8	11	0
Derbyſhire and Nottinghamſhire ditto			18	1	6
Devonſhire - - - ditto			9	14	0
Durham - - - ditto			7	0	0
Eſſex - - - - ditto			32	6	0
Glouceſterſhire and Wiltſhire, ditto, including Mary Beck an[l]. £5 5 0					
John Player - - do. 1 1 0			24	10	0
Hampſhire Quarterly Meeting for 1795			7	9	0
Carried up - - -			198	18	6

			£.	s.	d.
Amount brought up			198	18	6
Hereford and Worceſter Qly Meeting	19	6	6		
Ditto additional for 1795	1	13	0		
			20	19	6
Kent, a few Friends			5	5	0
Lancaſhire Quarterly Meeting			111	17	6
Lincolnſhire - ditto			14	14	0
London and Middleſex ditto			325	14	0
Norfolk and Norwich ditto			57	6	0
Suffolk - - ditto			16	1	6
Surry - - ditto			52	1	0
Suſſex - ditto			24	10	0
Warwick, Leiceſter, & Rutland ditto			35	16	6
Weſtmoreland - - ditto			11	7	6
Yorkſhire Quarterly Meeting for 1795			114	11	6
Ditto - for 1796			126	2	6
			1115	5	0

OFFICERS AND SERVANTS.

JONATHAN BINNS, Superintendent.

Three School-maſters, and two Apprentices; Book-keeper; five School-miſtreſſes, and three Apprentices; Mantua-maker, and two Apprentices; Houſekeeper; Nurſe; Boys Matron; five Taylors; four Shoe-makers; two Huſband-men, and four day Labourers; Carter; Gardener and Aſſiſtant; Carpenter; Houſe-man; Chamber Maid; Laundreſs; Dairy Maid; Cook, and two Kitchen Maids; three Houſe Maids; a Woman to aſſiſt the Girls in repairing Linen, who alſo teaches ſome of them to ſpin.

CHILDREN.

The average number in the School this year			303
Remained in the houſe 31ſt of Twelfth month, 1795, Boys 170, Girls 126			296
Left the School in 1796—105. Died of Convulſions, 1—106			
Admitted in ditto	105		
	difference	1	
Remain in the houſe at the end of 1796 - Boys 174, Girls 121	Total	295	
			296
Total admitted ſince the commencement of this Inſtitution in the Tenth month, 1779			1846.

OFFICERS and SERVANTS wanted.

A principal School-miſtreſs,
A Maſter well qualified to teach reading,
A Maſter qualified to teach writing and arithmetick,
A Man to brew and bake,
A Mantua-maker.

+ Y. AT. 1797

A REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF

ACKWORTH SCHOOL,

1797.

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